GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3566
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GIFTING OF BUSES TO AFGHANISTAN
MALYALA RAJAIAH

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have gifted buses to Afghanistan as a good-will gesture; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a)-(b) During the visit of H.E. Mr. Hamid Karzai, the Chairman of then Afghan Interim Administration, now the President of Transitional Islamic State of Afghanistan, as part of India-Afghanistan cooperation in the field of Public Transport, it had been decided that India would gift 50 buses to Afghanistan.

The first lot of 25 buses was handed over to the Afghan government in April this year. The second lot of 25 buses was handed over to the representatives of the Afghan government on 13th July 2002.